Sl. No.	Name of the Growth Centre	District
52.	Bhilwara	Bhilwara
53.	Khara	Bikaner
54.	Jhalawar	Jhalawar
55.	Dholpur	Dholpur
	SIKKIM	
56.	Denchong Block	South Sikkim(Not approved)
	TAMIL NADU	
57.	Erode	Periyar
58.	Oragadam	Kancheepuram
59.	Tirunelveli	Tirunelveli-Kattabomman
	(Gangai Koodan Nanur Block)	
	TRIPURA	
60.	Bodhjung Nagar	Tripura-West
	UTTAR PRADESH	
61.	Bijouli	Jhansi
62.	Jamaur	Shahjahnpur
63.	Chaudharpur	Moradabad
64.	Dibiapur	Auraiya
65.	Khurja	Bulandshahr
66.	Satharia	Jaunpur
67.	Sahjanwa	Gorakhpur
68.	Shivrajpur-Padampur	Pauri-Garhwal(Not approved)
	WEST BENGAL	
69.	Bolpur	Birbhum
70.	Jalpaiguri	Jalpaiguri
71.	Malda	Malda

Development of Srikakulam and Mahbubnagar districts in Andhra Pradesh

14. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Srikakulam and Mahbubnagar districts in Andhra Pradesh are among the 123 industrially backward districts in the country; and

(b) if so, the special schemes envisaged for development of these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue had *vide* Notification No. S.O. 714(E), dated 7.10.97 declared 123 industrially backward districts in the country classified as category 'A' and category 'B' for grant of tax concessions under Income Tax Act, 1961. Srikakulam and Mahbubnagar districts of Andhra Pradesh have been declared as category 'B' industrially backward districts under the said notification.

(b) Under Section 80-IB of the Income Tax Act, an industrial undertaking which begins to manufacture or produce an article or things or to operate such plants in these districts, any time after 1.10.1994 but before 31.3.2002, is allowed a tax holiday of three years and thereafter a deduction of 25% (30% in case of a company) of the profits and gains for a period of another five years. Total period of availing the deduction is eight consecutive assessment years for all classes of assesses, except cooperative societies. In the latter case, the deductions are allowable upto twelve consecutive years.

The two districts are covered under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY Scheme). Apart from this, a scheme under National Programme on Rural Industrialisation (NPRI) is also working in Srikakulam district.

Decline in inflow of Direct Investment

15. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that direct investment inflows have slowed down over the last two years from about $ 2.4 billion in 1998-99 to $ 2.2 billion in 1999-2000;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is due to lack of coherent FDI policy or needless restrictions on overseas equity investment or Government's slow, graft-ridden process and similar administrative problems; and

(d) what action Government propose to take so that FDI increase in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The inflows of Foreign